

Chen's Handwritten Letters

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Hon. H. B. Ames, M.P.,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Ames:

I have just had a letter from Dr. W. F. Taylor of Shanghai urging me to use every endeavour to have the restrictions removed which are now placed upon Chinese students at the port of entry into the Dominion. Dr. Taylor writes me that Mr. Birks of Montreal has communicated with you on the subject. This is a matter that we have been interested in for several years. When the Hon. Mackenzie King was Minister of Labour I hoped from what he said that he would be able to secure the removal of this disability but it was not done. Unless it is removed I am sure we shall not get any students from China in our Universities. They are educated men of high spirit, quite a different class from the labourers, and with the attractions that are offered in the colleges of the United States and Europe we shall have no chance to get any considerable number if this disability faces them at entrance. That the future of China and its relations to Canada are of such possible importance that I feel sure you will agree with me it is a wise policy on the part of the Dominion to enter into the best relations with and secure the entrance of those who are to be influential leaders in China.

Yours sincerely,

President.